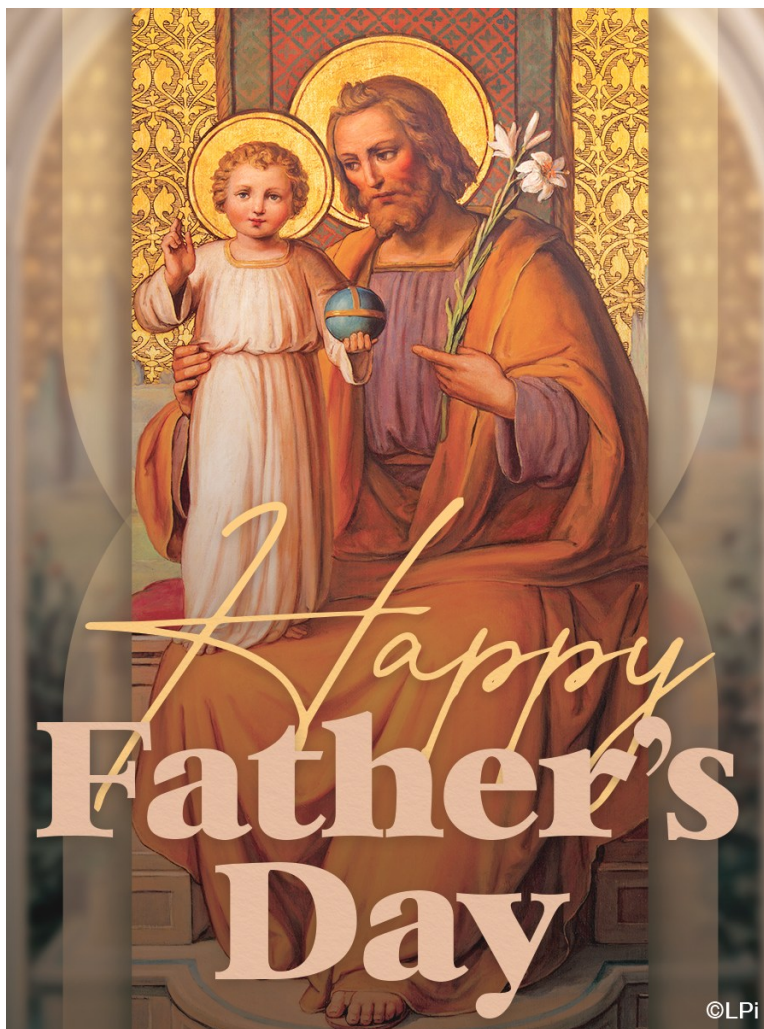


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Sunday, June 21, 2026
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

As parishioners of St. Peter's Catholic Church, we strive to imitate Jesus' example of prayer, fellowship, love and service.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
(10:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 7:45 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH

As the work and gift of fathers are celebrated this weekend, we can turn to Jesus's foster father, St. Joseph, to seek his intercessions for prayers, especially those related to Father's Day, and give thanks to St. Joseph for his love for Christ and Mother Mary. Guide your family in creating a home prayer space with a statue or image of St. Joseph, a small vase of flowers, and your family's written prayer intentions. White lilies, or simply white flowers, are appropriate for your vase because they symbolize Joseph's purity and integrity. Add a carpenter's tool or a wooden ruler to symbolize his trade. The family can gather to pray the Litany of St. Joseph or the Prayer to St. Joseph After the Rosary. Both can be found online.



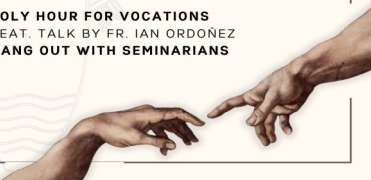
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7:00 P.M. HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
FEAT. TALK BY FR. IAN ORDOÑEZ
8:00 P.M. HANG OUT WITH SEMINARIANS



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Yes! The Knights of Columbus and the Women's Ministry have teamed up again to screen a movie at the historic Antioch Theater, and the best part is that it is completely FREE!

This year we'll be showing Angel Studios, "David," an animated movie about the life of King David.



Free popcorn and drinks will be provided with admission.

The event will be on June 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Antioch Theater located at 378 Lake St. in Antioch.

If you wish to see the movie, email Stan Tinsley at superstinsley92@gmail.com to register and we'll see you there!

DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD *Silver & Gold* WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

AUGUST 16, 2026

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Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you and your spouse celebrating a special milestone anniversary 2026? Couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 or more years of marriage in 2026 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at St. Mary Parish in Huntley on Sunday, August 16th at 2:30 p.m., celebrated by Bishop David Malloy.

A reception with celebration cake will immediately follow. The Life & Family Evangelization office welcomes your registration by August 3rd.

815-399-4300 ext. 377 or

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Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.

THE BAPTIST

June 24th is the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

St. John the Baptist was the first person to recognize Jesus. This recognition happened womb to womb! While still in the womb himself, John leapt for joy at the presence of Christ in the womb of the Blessed



Mother. This is just one example in Scripture of how much God values and dignifies each human life from the moment of conception to natural death!

Let us follow the example of St. John the Baptist and rejoice in the gift of every preborn child. Let us pray for their legal protection. Let us reach out to walk with moms and dads in crisis so they can choose life. St. John the Baptist, pray for us!

HOPE CHANGES EVERYTHING

Hope helps us desire Heaven and trust in God's promises. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches that hope *"responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man"* (CCC, 1818). It strengthens us to persevere through difficulties and keeps our hearts fixed on God.

Here are three ways to renew and strengthen hope:

Shift your focus: Do not allow past regrets, future fears, or present worries to dominate your thoughts. Read the daily Gospel before the news. When you catch yourself worrying or dwelling on negativity, intentionally redirect your mind toward God's promises. Keep encouraging Scripture verses—such as Romans 8:37—visible on your phone, mirror, or coffee maker as reminders of hope throughout the day.

Fight temptation with the opposite virtue:

In the spiritual life, virtues overcome vices. Counter doubt with acts of faith, complaints with gratitude, and comparison with encouragement and appreciation for others.

Become a source of hope: Build others up rather than focusing on faults. Frequently ask, *"What can I do to improve this situation?"* Christian hope is not blind optimism, but confidence in Christ, the One who is *"Faithful and True"* (Revelation 19:11).

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an *"indignant despair."* Haven't we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today's Gospel: "Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body." (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow's fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus, Himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and He has come through it. That is why His words, *"Do not be afraid,"* hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father's care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our *(often fearful)* hearts.

— Father John Muir

**"GIVE YOURSELF FULLY TO GOD.
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ON THE CONDITION THAT YOU BELIEVE
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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Fear No One

Mini reflection: I make my living writing for Catholic publications. My readers are bound to agree with me—they're usually reading my words in a church. But in my personal life, I am far less bold. I do not fear those who can kill my body, but I do fear those who can kill my reputation.

In the 1883 painting "*Mass in a Connemara Cabin*," a small congregation of shabbily dressed faithful is huddled together in a sparsely appointed room. A priest extends his hand over them in blessing. One woman presses her forehead to the ground in prayer.

This painting, created in 1883 by Aloysius O'Kelley, depicts a "*station Mass*," offered for the community in a private home. Though this practice originated in the period of the Penal Laws, when Catholic worship was illegal in Ireland, it persisted even after the "*emancipation*" of Catholics in the 19th century.

I have used quotation marks around the word "*emancipation*" because we must never forget that just because something is made legal does not mean it is made popular. And it certainly is not made safe.

In the moments that pass immediately after this scene concludes, the altar candles will be extinguished and the faithful will disperse, carrying the Body and Blood of Christ into a world suspicious of him, suspicious of them.

And yet here they are, kneeling. Foreheads pressed to the floor.

This painting sits on my family's prayer table as a call to reflection. I make my living writing Catholic things for Catholic publications. The people who read what I write are bound to agree with me—they're usually reading my words in a church. I must confess that in my personal life, I am far less bold. I fear controversy. I dread giving offense. I buckle beneath the weight of discipleship.

It doesn't matter that most Americans identify as "*Christians*"—the world we face when we leave Mass is every bit as resentful of true Catholic teaching as the world that lies beyond O'Kelley's Connemara cottage. And while I do not fear those who can kill my body, I do fear those who can kill my reputation.

"*Mass in a Connemara Cabin*" illustrates how my ancestors worshiped: in secret, in shadow.

I worship in the daylight.

Which of us acknowledges Christ more fully? More courageously?

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
6/20 - 6/28/2026

The Mass			For
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FATHER'S DAY			
Sat	4 pm	†	Jeanette Jones
Sun	8 am	†	James & Martha Moore
	10 am	†	Father Plesa The parishioners of St. Peter's Church
Tues	8 am	†	Marina Cruz
Wed	8 am	†	Joan Boettjer
Thur	8 am	†	Peter Keim
Fri	8 am	†	Eugene Jakubowski
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FATHER'S DAY			
Sat	4 pm	†	Nancy Stack
Sun	8 am	†	Richard Kattner The parishioners of St. Peter's Church
	10 am	†	Frank & Joel Slovnik

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Sunday 6/21 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	DeAnne Besetzny <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>Mary Seil (Precious Blood)</i>	Dennis Wehrheim Paul Leali
10:00 am	Darien Martinez	Jean Hlavin <i>Sharon Ellicson (Choir)</i> <i>Mike Rygiel</i> <i>Carol Rygiel (Precious Blood)</i>	Mike Wyatt Tom Straley
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 6/27 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley <i>Lisa Bringer</i> <i>Tennille Cates (Precious Blood)</i>	Sean Gosselin Rich Wirsch
Sunday 6/28 8:00 am	Karyn Leali	Cynde Wehrheim <i>Mary Seil</i> <i>Paul Leali (Precious Blood)</i>	Tom Fanella Larry Hauser
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Homebound Ministers

June 21st: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deanna Grandt, Nancy Piggot, Don Piggot & Steve Besetzny

June 28th: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Mark, Mary Seil, Peggy Neuman, Laura Hamill & Steve Besetzny



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† **Nancy Stack**

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PRAYER REQUESTS

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into
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Jesus, be with them all, especially:*

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parish family, please allow us to solicit support for
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after clicking where it reads **CONTACT US**, simply
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Live the Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the
light." We all hear God's voice whispering in our
hearts. Discipleship means speaking those words
out loud. We all feel the Spirit sing into our souls.
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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 21st - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

• **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**

• **SVdP Meeting - Parish Hall - 11:00 am**

Monday, June 22nd - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, June 23rd

• **K of C - Planning Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm**

Wednesday, June 24th

• **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm**

Thursday, June 25th

• **Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

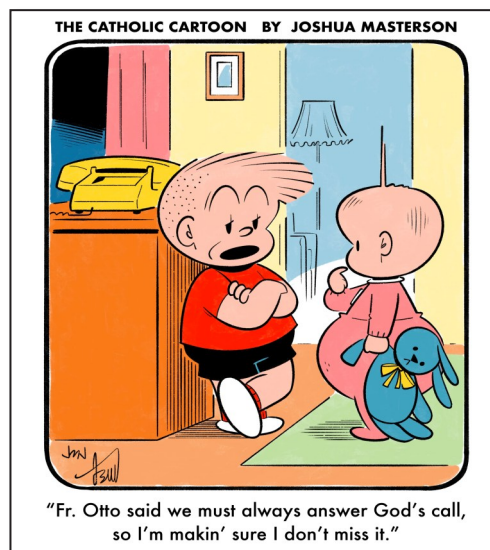
Friday, June 26th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, June 27th

• **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**

Sunday, June 28th - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

• **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**



- Why is it so cheap to throw a party at a haunted house?
Because the ghosts bring all the boos.

- I don't get why Marvel doesn't use the Hulk to advertise more.

He's basically one big Banner.

- What brand of underwear do scientists wear?
Kelvin Klein.

- Which days are the strongest? Saturday and Sunday.
The rest are weekdays.

- I just found out I'm colorblind.
The news came out of the purple!

- Did you know your pupils are the last part to stop working when you die? *They dilate.*





PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS - Fr. Burt is eager and happy to baptize children whose parent(s) are practicing the Catholic faith and registered members of St. Peter's Parish. Please call the Parish Office for additional requirements and information.

MARRIAGES - Please contact Fr. Burt before you set a date, at least six months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION - Parishioners confined to their homes, for an indefinite length of time due to illness or advanced age, may call the office and request that the Holy Eucharist be brought to them on Sunday mornings.

REGISTRATION - New members should register by either calling the Parish Office or visiting us online at:
StPeterCatholicChurch.org

HOSPITAL VISITS - If you wish Fr. Burt to visit during your stay in the hospital, please call him at the Parish Office and he will be happy to do so. Likewise, if you wish to be added to our Prayer Chain, let us know by calling 815-675-2288

FUNERALS ARRANGEMENTS - are to be made in consultation with Fr. Burt.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK - If you or someone you know is sick, injured or being admitted to a hospital and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office without delay.

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